

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2016 at 8:00 PM, in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA.

Supervisors Present: Robert R. Hart; Amy Grossman, Melissa S. Sterling, James A. Totten and Laura Boyle Nester.

Also Present: Richard L. Mellor, Jr., Township Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VETERANS AND ARMED SERVICES

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Kelly Wall, Justice of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, was present to administer the Oath of Office to newly-elected Supervisor Laura Boyle Nester.

The Honorable Todd Eisenberg, Justice of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, was present to administer the Oath of Office to newly-elected Supervisor Melissa S. Sterling.

The Honorable Todd Eisenberg, Justice of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, was present to administer the Oath of Office to the re-elected Supervisor Amy P. Grossman.

SELECTION OF TEMPORARY POSITIONS

On a Motion by Supervisor Grossman, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), Supervisor Robert R. Hart was appointed as the Temporary Chair for the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Grossman (Vote 5-0), Richard L. Mellor, Jr. was appointed as the Temporary Secretary of Whitemarsh Township.

ELECTIONS OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) Supervisor Amy P. Grossman was elected Chair of the Board of Supervisors for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion Supervisor Hart seconded by Supervisor Boyle Nester (Vote 5-0), Supervisor Melissa S. Sterling was elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors for Whitemarsh Township.

APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Hart announced he will be resigning as of March 1, 2016 to accept a position as the Solicitor for the Montgomery County Sheriff.

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), Richard L. Mellor, Jr. was appointed Township Manager and Secretary by approving his employment agreement with the Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0), Thomas M. Mullin was appointed Finance Director, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0), Christopher P. Ward was appointed Acting Chief of Police of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Boyle Nester (Vote 5-0), Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP PP was appointed Zoning Officer of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Boyle Nester (Vote 4-1, Supervisor Hart recused), Sean P. Kilkenny of the Friedman Schuman Law Firm was appointed Solicitor for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Totten, seconded by Supervisor Hart (Vote 5-0), James C. Sullivan, P.E. of the T & M Associates was appointed Engineer for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Hart (Vote 5-0), the following Nominees were appointed to serve on the Vacancy Board for 2014:

- Shari Petrakis (Supervisor Boyle Nester’s Nominee)
- Beth Waks (Supervisor Grossman’s Nominee)
- Thomas Sivel (Supervisor Hart’s Nominee)
- Debra Brenner (Supervisor Sterling’s Nominee)
- James Thompson (Supervisor Totten’s Nominee)

Various Board, Commission, and Committee Member Reappointments

On a Motion by Supervisor Erlbaum, seconded by Supervisor Peduzzi (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors appointed the following individuals to the appropriate Boards and Commissions for the appropriate terms:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD OR COMMISSION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Marc Weinstein	ZONING HEARING BOARD	5 year	12/31/2020
Randi Rubin Goldstein	ZONING HEARING BOARD (Alternate)	3 year	12/31/2018
Sherri Glantz Patchen	PLANNING COMMISSION	4 year	12/31/2019
J. David Shula	PLANNING COMMISSION	4 year	12/31/2019
Leigh Ashbrook	SHADE TREE COMMISSION	5 year	12/31/2020

Jennifer Thomas	SHADE TREE COMMISSION	5 year	12/31/2020
Joanne Crawford	PARK & RECREATION BOARD	4 year	12/31/2019
Timothy Ferris	WHITEMARSH AUTHORITY	5 year	12/31/2020
Jacy Toll	LIBRARY BOARD	3 year	12/31/2018
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.	EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD	2 year	12/31/2017
Emily Goldman	EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD	2 year	12/31/2017
Jonathan Picker	ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD	3 year	12/31/2018
Joan Biddle	OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	3 year	12/31/2018
Lauren Gordon	MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY	3 year	12/31/2018
Joanne Boyle	HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION	3 year	12/31/2018
Jennifer Etkin	HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION	3 year	12/31/2018
Wally Harris	BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS	4 year	12/31/2019

RESOLUTIONS

1. Establishing Board of Supervisor Meeting Schedule Format

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2016-01, which lists the planned Board of Supervisors Meetings for 2015.

2. Establishing Travel and Business Expense Policy

On a Motion by Supervisor Boyle Nester, seconded by Supervisor Hart (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2016-02, establishing the Township Travel and Business Expense Policy for 2015.

3. Establishing Holidays for Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Township Employees

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2016-03, establishing the Township Holiday's for Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Employees in 2015.

MOTIONS

1 Selection of Township Depositories

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors approved the selection of Township Depositories for the deposit of Township funds in 2016.

2. Certify Delegates to PSATS Annual Conference

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Hart (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors TABLED the appointment of a voting delegate to the 2015 PSATS Conference on behalf of Whitemarsh Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Celine Childs (Germantown Pike) congratulated Supervisor Hart on his new job.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Hart acknowledge members of the audience including PA State Transportation Secretary, Leslie Richards; Montgomery County Treasurer, Jason Salus; Montgomery County Sheriff, Sean Kilkenny and Whitemarsh Township Constable, Paul Lipkin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Grossman announced no executive session was held prior to this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sterling the Board of Supervisors Annual Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2016 was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.  
Township Manager